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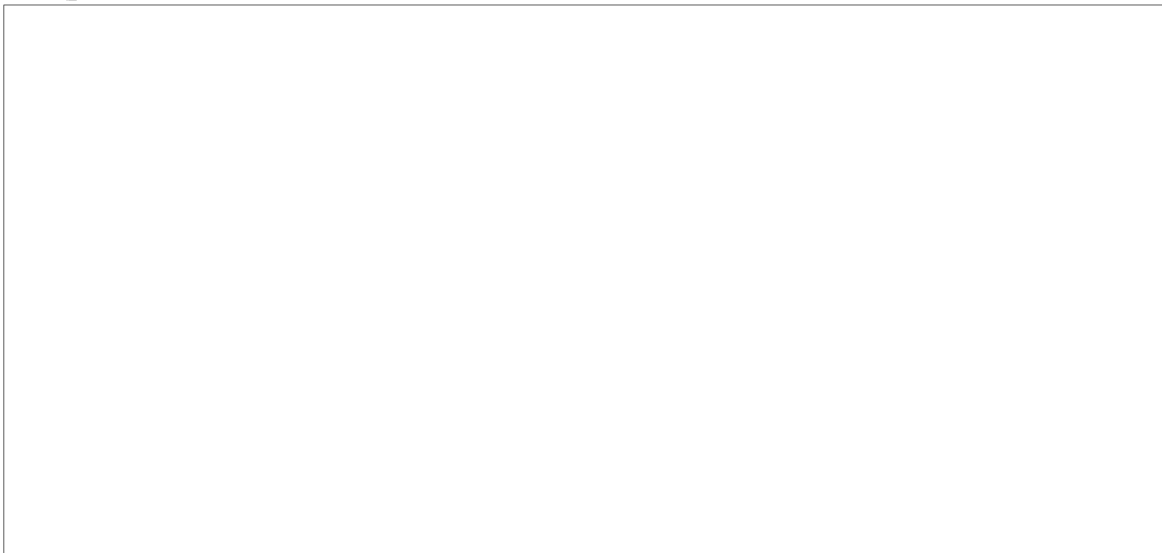
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③ ISRAEL-EGYPT: Sinai Violations Issue

1 *Israeli charges of Egyptian violations in the Sinai appear largely unfounded.* [redacted]

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1/2 Israeli officials claim that Egypt has a "master plan" for moving into the Sinai and have cited a list of purported violations sent to Cairo over a month ago. Many of the Israeli complaints have been voiced before, including allegations that Egypt has an excess number of units in the Sinai. In addition, Tel Aviv claims that Egypt has established an illegal electronic intelligence system at Al Arish in the northern Sinai. [redacted]

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2 The Camp David accords limit the number of troops, weapons, and equipment allowed in the Sinai. Egyptian forces in the Sinai have remained consistently below the treaty's numerical limitations, a fact Cairo cites as evidence that it is abiding by the letter of the treaty. Tel Aviv, nevertheless, contends that the treaty implies a limit on the number of units as well as troops. [redacted]

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2 Other violations previously cited by Israel have been minor. Each time they have been reported by the Sinai Field Mission the Egyptians have taken corrective action. [redacted]

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3 Comment: Tel Aviv's emphasis at the last minute on minor treaty violations by the Egyptians probably is an effort to persuade the US to intervene directly. Israel does not believe the multinational Sinai peace-keeping force is able to monitor Egyptian activity effectively and is seeking to establish a precedent for bypassing the force in the event of a future violation. [redacted]

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3 Suggestions in Israeli media that the Sinai withdrawal could be postponed probably are aimed at preparing public opinion for such a possibility and create the impression in Egypt that there is growing pressure on Prime Minister Begin to insist violations be corrected. By publicizing the issue, the Israelis are making it more difficult for President Mubarak to take steps to reassure Israel without arousing criticism at home. [redacted]

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